

# We're CARTagious Greensheet

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## Our Impact on the Environment in 2016: Recycling Totals & Benefits

This year we made even bigger waves than in those previous; with approximately 2,000 tons more recyclables collected than last year, our impact continues to grow. Why is this so important? Because it's creating change that will position our area as a green leader in the years to come. Recycling's benefits go far beyond what you might expect – here's a rundown of the impact we've made in the past year:



**9,855,797,327**  
cubic yards of polluted air saved



**48,402,533**  
gallons of water saved



**2,997,742**  
gallons of gasoline saved



**111,282**  
trees saved

## Know Before You Throw

Recycling contamination can cause loads of recycling to be rejected and additional costs to the city. Contamination is considered anything that isn't listed as acceptable on the next page. Be part of the solution, Know Before You Throw!



## Recycle Rama!

Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Ingham County Health Department

Bring your unwanted items and recyclables to Recycle Rama. This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning and help the environment!

Lansing BWL residential electric customers that recycle a working room air-conditioner or dehumidifier will receive a \$25 rebate under the Hometown Energy Saver Program.

### Items accepted include:

1. Polystyrene: Must be CLEAN and NO PACKING PEANUTS
2. CFLs & Fluorescent Tubes
3. Medications, Thermostats, Hearing Aids & Eyeglasses
4. Electronics (\$20 Per TV or Monitor): CPUs, Computer Accessories, Printers, Fax Machines, Scanners, TVs, Cell Phones, Answering Machines, Laptops, CD Players, Camcorders, VCRs, Copiers, Kitchen Appliances, Remote Controlled Items, Fans, Blenders, Hair Dryers & Curling Irons, or Anything with a Cord!
5. Clothing, Shoes, Working Household Goods, Fabric, & Yarn
6. Plastic, Glass, Cardboard, & Paper: (#1-7 Plastics, all colors of glass, paper board, phone books, paper cartons & etc.)
7. Books, Bicycles, Scrap Metal, CDs, DVDs, & Working Large Appliances
8. Room ACs & Dehumidifiers: (\$25 Rebate for BWL Electric Customers)

**NO BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## Yard Waste

Beginning the week of April 10, we will begin curbside pickups. Please place your yard waste in paper bags on your regularly scheduled collection day. Bundled brush must be less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter. For more details, please visit: [lansingmi.gov/yardwaste](http://lansingmi.gov/yardwaste)





# Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, Office paper & Gift wrapping paper



Cartons



#1-#2 and #4-#7 Plastic containers (no styrofoam)



Aluminum & Metal cans



Newspapers, Magazines, Brochures & Inserts



Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue)



Corrugated cardboard & Paper bags



Household scrap metal



Greeting cards, Regular & Junk mail



Glass bottles & jars (all colors)



Phonebooks



Bulky rigid plastic (buckets, chairs, toys)

## NO

Plastic bags, styrofoam containers, wire hangers, window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware, organic material and food waste, electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.), paint, pesticides, oil & cleaners, waxed cardboard, needles or syringes, #3 plastics

CITY OF LANSING COLLECTION MAP

## FIND YOUR ROUTE!

[lansingmi.gov/cartschedule](http://lansingmi.gov/cartschedule)



## SIGN UP FOR PICK-UP REMINDERS



Did you know we have an app? Download Lansing Connect to access our new recycling and trash service module. Here you can easily find information about all of your recycling needs including help finding your collection day, waste pickup reminders, answers to frequently asked questions and more. Download the free app today for Android and iOS devices or by visiting [lansingrecycles.com](http://lansingrecycles.com)

## Trash & Bulk Disposal Services

Did you know that the City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for over 100 years? We collect trash each week! Our curbside Blue Trash Cart service is available with different payment options to meet your needs. We also offer blue city trash bags that can be purchased at many local retail stores. Larger, bulk items over 30 pounds are also accepted, but must be tagged. Call the CART Hotline at 517.483.4400 to find out where to buy bulk tags.

For full details and to sign up for CART services, visit: [lansingrecycles.com](http://lansingrecycles.com)



Photo by Victor Nelhobel

## NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs

Empty and rinse all containers. Everything, including cardboard, must fit inside cart with lid closed.

Please follow these guidelines and set your cart out by 7 A.M.



## Scraps to Soil

Thanks to a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the pilot program called "Scraps to Soil" has been launched by the City of Lansing, Hammond Farms and other partner agencies. The pilot program is working to collect food scraps from local restaurants and process them into high quality compost. This program will provide valuable compost to local garden projects as well as divert waste from local landfills. You can help by providing valuable input by taking a short survey at: [livegreenlansing.org/scraps-to-soil](http://livegreenlansing.org/scraps-to-soil)







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# IMPORTANT DATES

**4/14 Good Friday** - Office closed. No collection delay.  
**5/29 Memorial Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.  
**7/4 Independence Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.  
**9/4 Labor Day** - Office closed. 1 day collection delay.  
**11/23 Thanksgiving Day** - Office closed 11/23 & 11/24. 1 day collection delay.  
**12/25 Christmas Day** - Office closed 12/25 & 12/26. 1 day collection delay.



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**Visit [livegreenlansing.org](http://livegreenlansing.org), a one stop resource to learn more about Lansing's environmental programs.**

For more information on how you can take the steps to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle, visit us online at [lansingrecycles.org](http://lansingrecycles.org). Here, you'll be able to sign up and find collection dates for recycling and yard waste, pay bills online, get reminders and important messages regarding delays and service hours, learn about special events and much more!

